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CLAIMS:

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96 (New). A method of inserting an implantable cardioverter-defibrillator within a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cardioverter-defibrillator canister having at least a portion of the cardioverter-defibrillator canister being non planar to maintain the cardioverter-defibrillator canister in a predetermined relationship with respect to a patient's heart, subcutaneously over a patient's ribcage, said canister having a surface with a surface electrode;

making a single incision into the patient; and

advancing the cardioverter-defibrillator canister through the single incision and subcutaneously over the patient's ribcage.

97 (New). The method of claim 96 wherein said housing has an elongated shape with two opposed ends, and wherein said electrode is disposed adjacent to one end.

98 (New). The method of claim 97 wherein said electrode is disposed at one end.

99 (New). The method of claim 98 wherein said electrode is generally rectangular.

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100 (New). The method of claim 99 wherein said electrode has rounded corners.

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101 (New). The method of claim 99 wherein said electrode disposed transversally to a longitudinal axis of the housing.

102 (New). The method of claim 101 wherein said housing has a width and said electrode is disposed substantially along said width.

103 (New). The method of claim 98 wherein said electrode is triangular.

104 (New). The method of claim 103 wherein said electrode has rounded corners.

105 (New). The method of claim 103 wherein said housing has at least one corner and said electrode is disposed at said corner.

106 (New). The method of claim 105 wherein said electrode has a right angle disposed at the corner of the housing.

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conced* 107 (New). The method of claim 97 wherein said electrode has a generally square shape.

108 (New). The method of claim 107 wherein said electrode has rounded corners.

109 (New). The method of claim 107 wherein said electrode is spaced away from the longitudinal sides of the housing.

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